

# FROM THE DESK OF COUNCILMAN TREVIÑO

Dear Neighbor,

Last week, the City Council voted unanimously to approve the Urban Lighting Master Plan (ULMP). Prior to completion of the ULMP, the City lacked a comprehensive guideline for lighting. As a result, there is a significant variance in lighting character throughout our urban core and neighborhoods. The Master Plan was initiated by District 1 in 2016 to create an informed and uniform guideline for lighting of various types of roadways, parks, art projects, and facilities.

A team of stakeholders comprised of community leaders, SAPD, the private sector, CPS Energy, and the City of San Antonio worked alongside one another over the last several years to produce an effective lighting strategy. While a proper thank you cannot be put into words, your efforts will shine downtown and throughout the city."

The ULMP will be used by many City departments as well as design consultants hired onto City capital projects, and it is expected to have a significant impact on lighting design. The study area for the ULMP was the downtown area within the highway loop, the area immediately adjacent to the Alamodome, and the Lavaca and King William neighborhoods in District 1. The recommendations in the study will serve as a framework for projects throughout the city.

Monte Vista Historical Association resident Ryan Reed spoke in favor of the Master Plan stating, "This plan will ensure our public spaces - our streets, our parks, and our downtown are lit for both comfort and safety. Our community looks forward to seeing how these recommendations are implemented in our neighborhoods."

The scope of work included an inventory and assessment of the condition and performance of existing lighting assets; the gathering of downtown resident and stakeholder input, to include input on unique lighting needs around historical and culturally significant areas.

We are a City by design, not by accident. My vision when developing the Urban Lighting Plan was to put forth a consistent, intentional strategy for lighting that would work in many ways to improve the quality of life for all residents.

The lighting consultant, Alderson & Associates, installed temporary lighting as a mockup to test the impact of lighting enhancements on two publicly owned and one privately owned building located in the downtown. These lighting mockups were completed at the City-owned Plaza de Armas and Municipal Plaza buildings, as well as the privately owned Savoy Building located at 116 E Houston.

Click here to view information about the Urban Lighting Master Plan.

Sincerely,

P.S. Know a high schooler (16 - 19 years old) who is looking for a summer job where they can gain valuable hands-on work experience? If so, make sure they apply for our **2019 Summer Youth Employment Program** by **April 14.** Click here to learn more.

### District 1 Short Term Rental Meeting Takes Place April 15th

Councilman Treviño invites all District 1 residents interested in the Short Term

Rental (STR) ordinance to ask questions and provide valuable input that will help gauge the impact of the ordinance. Any initial feedback you want addressed in the presentation can be emailed to Chrissy.Mccain@sanantonio.gov. See you there!

Click here to RSVP via Facebook.

For more information on STRs, please visit https://www.sanantonio.gov/DSD/Resources/Codes



### Jones Maltsberger Project Update

The City of San Antonio's Transportation & Capital Improvements is currently working to improve the Jones Maltsberger from Oblate to Rector.

TCI contractor J&P PAVING CO., INC. is scheduled to have the project complete by **MAY 8, 2019.** We sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation while these improvements are in progress. We will work diligently to restore the street to full operational status as soon as possible. While improvements are underway, here is some helpful information about the improvement project to assist you:

- Vehicles should not be parked on the street from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If vehicles are parked
  along the path of construction improvements and no one is available to move it, it will be towed
  to one of the following streets in your area:
  - MAPLEWOOD
  - SPRUCEWOOD
  - STOCKTON
- The street will have limited access to vehicular traffic after 8:30 a.m. No thru traffic, except emergency vehicles, will be permitted. Traffic detour barricades and signs will be provided to guide traffic through the construction improvement area, as needed.
- In case of adverse weather, environmental conditions, unforeseen equipment issues or conflicts, this project will be rescheduled as soon as conditions permit.

If you have any questions, concerns or need special accommodations you may contact:

#### **ALAN LOPEZ**

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# **Property Tax Affordability Information**



It's April, which means you have probably received your property tax notice. If you feel your valuation was too high, the City offers the following three property tax exemptions to property owners. You can also protest your property taxes. Click here to view the protest form.

1)The over-65 exemption is for property owners who are 65 years of age or older and claim their residence as their homestead. This exemption is a maximum of \$65,000 of taxable valuation.

2)The disabled veterans' exemption is applicable to a veteran of the armed services who is classified as disabled by the Veterans' Administration. This exemption ranges from \$5,000 to \$12,000 and is based on the disability rating of the veterans.

3)Effective for tax year 2005, a disabled individual would qualify for a \$12,500 disabled residence homestead exemption if they meet the definition of disabled for the purpose of receiving disability insurance benefits under the Federal Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Act administered by the Social Security Administration.

#### Please click here to download the exemption form.

If you are experiencing issues with affordability, the City and area organizations offer numerous resources and programs:

- The Under 1 Roof Program provides qualifying homeowners with a new, high-reflectance roof free of charge. Studies have shown that the roof can save homeowners an average of \$1,200 per year. Click here to download the application.
- CPS and SAWS offer utility assistance as well. Click here for more information.

Councilman Treviño will be hosting a Community Property Tax Forum in May. Stay tuned for more

information.

## City of San Antonio Migrant Resource Center-Volunteer and Donation Information

The City of San Antonio is a tight-knit family that serves our community every day and always steps forward to address human needs. We can depend on your generosity at all times.

Currently, the City is working jointly with several agencies, including Catholic Charities, San Antonio Food Bank, American Gateways, RAICES, Travis Park United Methodist Church, Goodwill, fellow City departments (San Antonio Metropolitan



Health Department, San Antonio Fire Department, San Antonio Police Department, Center City Development & Operations, San Antonio Public Library and Parks & Recreation) and many volunteers, to assist migrants from Central America who are arriving in San Antonio on a daily basis. These families are in the country legally and passing through our city as they make their way to various destinations around the U.S.

The City of San Antonio Resource Center is a small space activated to provide basic human necessities such as hot meals, snacks, water, medicine, clothing and resources to help these individuals reach their destinations safely. On a daily basis, the center accommodates up to 80 migrants as they prepare to travel to various destinations. We are extremely grateful to those who have volunteered and donated items.

At this time, the resource center cannot accept any more direct donations. If you wish to support this ongoing situation, you are encouraged to help by:

- Donating new clothes and new toys at the San Antonio Food Bank, 5200 Enrique M. Barrera Parkway. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Donating gently used clothing items to any Goodwill of San Antonio Donation Station. Please specify that the donation is for the City of San Antonio Resource Center.
- Making monetary donations to Catholic Charities at <u>www.ccaosa.org</u> or 210-226-6178 to be used for travel expenses, prescription assistance or other critical financial needs.

The San Antonio Food Bank will coordinate the delivery of donated items to the City Resource Center as needed.

Additionally, volunteers are needed to assist with greeting families as they arrive, intake, translating information, cooking food, serving food, transporting individuals and connecting individuals to available resources. Spanish-speaking volunteers are strongly preferred. If at all possible, volunteers are encouraged to carpool, walk and/or bike to the resource center while volunteering to help mitigate downtown-related parking congestion.

# **District 1 in the Community**



District 1 Staff meets with Monte Vista Terrace at the Field Office to discuss their NCD - April 1, 2019



District 1 meets with resident's, churches, and hotels to discuss downtown events - April 2, 2019



Councilman Treviño speaks at the Travis Park Visioning Session - April 3, 2019



District 1 attends the King William Association Spring Social - April 3, 2019



District 1 invited Pastor Dew of St. John's Lutheran Church to provide the invocation before City Council - April 4, 2019



Councilman Treviño speaks with a constituent at Market Square - April 4, 2019



District 1 gets a tour of the ongoing City Hall renovations - April 4, 2019

**Upcoming Events** 



# **SHORT TERM RENTAL**

# **COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION**

# **APRIL 15, 2019 | 6:30PM 1310 VANCE JACKSON**

HOSTED BY: COUNCILMAN ROBERTO TREVIÑO

PLEASE EMAIL CHRISSY.MCCAIN@SANANTONIO.GOV WITH FEEDBACK WE CAN ADD TO THE PRESENTATION



## **OLD SPANISH TRAILS PARK PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING**

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 10:30-11:30 AM

**Old Spanish Trails Park** 3600 Fredericksburg Road San Antonio, TX 78201











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### District 1 in the Media

City Council Approves a Master Plan for Urban Lighting

Scooter clutter problem in downtown San Antonio may be abating

# **Helpful Links**

3-1-1 Online Service Request 2017-2022 Bond **Animal Care Services Code Enforcement CPS** SA Transparency Data Portal SAWS **Under 1 Roof Application** North SAPD SAFFE Office Prue Road SAPD SAFFE Office Solid Waste Management **Transportation and Capital Improvements** TCI's Bond Project Map TCI's Infrastructure Management Plan **TCI's Traffic Count Database** District 1 Customer Service Survey Central SAPD SAFFE Office West SAPD SAFFE Office

### **How to Reach Us**

### Downtown Office

115 Plaza de Armas, Ste. 202 San Antonio, TX 78205 (210) 207-7279 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Field Office

1310 Vance Jackson San Antonio, TX 78201 (210) 207-0900 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



